

# **\*\*Update\*\* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash South of Bridgeville**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Bridgeville** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a serious crash involving three vehicles that occurred early Wednesday evening south of Bridgeville.

The incident occurred around 5:43 p.m. Wednesday November 30, 2016 as James S. Wright, 65 of Bridgeville, was operating a 2016 Jeep Wrangler eastbound in the westbound lane of Heritage Drive within the Heritage Shores development. Brittany Hastings, 17 of Seaford, was operating a 2004 Volkswagen Bug northbound on Sussex Highway (US13) in the left lane approaching the entrance to Heritage Shores just ahead of a 2006 Chevrolet 2500 series work truck being operated by Normand Saurette, 72 of Bridgeville, also northbound in the left lane. The Jeep crossed over the south bound lanes of US13 and entered the US 13 northbound left turn lane for Heritage Shores Drive traveling the wrong direction. The Jeep immediately pulled into the northbound left lane traveling southbound striking the left side of the Volkswagen. The left front of the Jeep then struck the left front of the Chevy pickup for a near head-on impact within the left lane. The pickup continued northbound at which point the front of the truck struck the right rear of the Volkswagen in the left lane. This impact forced the Volkswagen Bug to rotate counter-clockwise as it slid northbound before coming to a stop in the northbound right lane facing southbound. The Chevy pickup was redirected across the grass median and came to rest in the southbound lanes facing west. The Jeep

Wrangler came to a stop in the center median crossover for Heritage Shores Drive just west of the northbound left turn lane.

James Wright, who was properly restrained, was removed from the scene by EMS and initially transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital before being taken by ambulance to Christiana Medical Center where he was admitted in serious condition.

Brittany Hastings and her two teenage passengers were all properly restrained and transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

Norman Saurette was not properly restrained and was transported by EMS to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol appears to be a factor on behalf of Wright and charges may be forthcoming. US13 northbound and southbound lanes were closed between Cannon Road and Seashore Highway (SR404) for four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash South of Bridgeville**

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**Bridgeville** – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash on Sussex Highway (US13) at

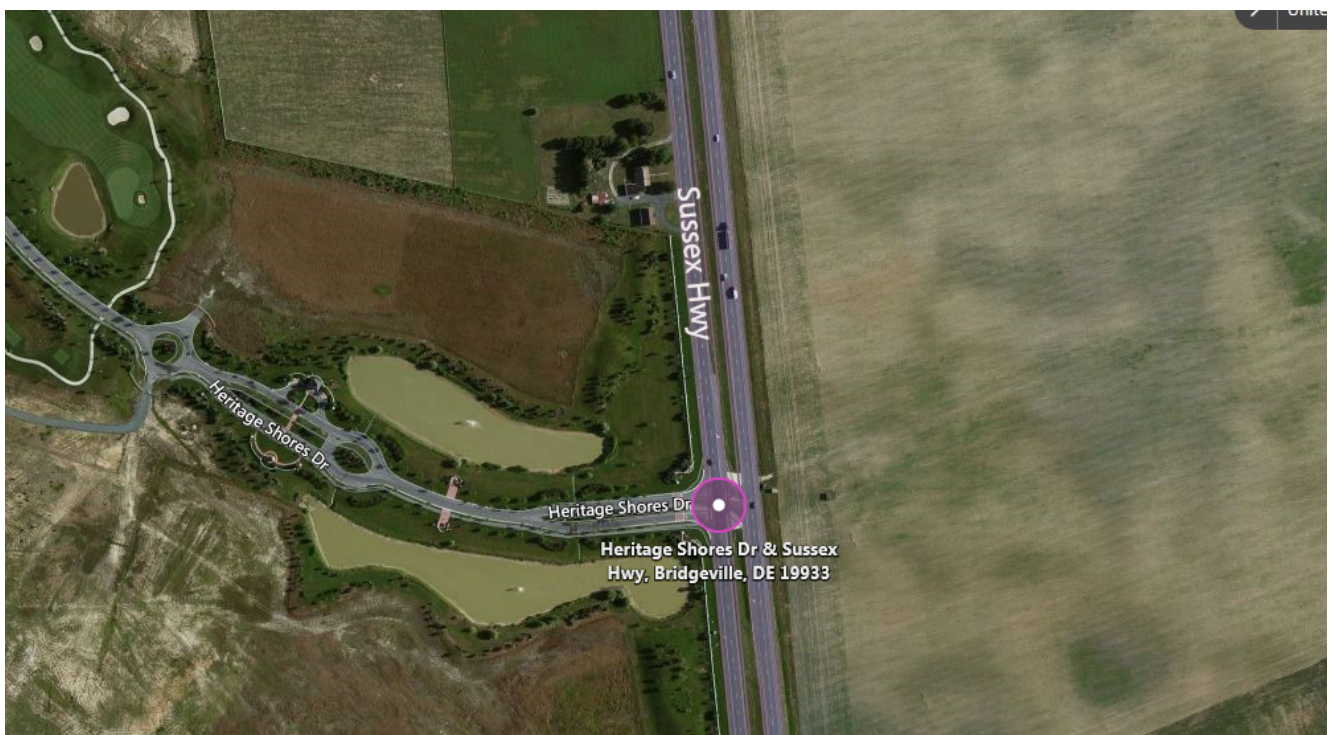
Heritage Shores Drive involving three vehicles that occurred around 5:43 p.m. this evening. An unconfirmed number of occupants of the vehicles were transported to area hospitals with undetermined injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently on the scene of the crash and will assume the investigation.

US13 northbound and southbound lanes are currently closed at Cannon Road and Seashore Highway (SR404). Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes.

For real time traffic updates in the area, click on the following link: [deldot.gov](http://deldot.gov).

**Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.**



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